

- e. **The identification information *must* be maintained by the flock owner / manager:**
  - i. A permanent ID that is unique within the flock. This ID may be one of the following:
    - (1) Double ear tag (metal or plastic dangle, button, or kurlock tag or any combination). Double means one tag in each ear.
    - (2) Legible tattoo - ideally backed up with an eartag.
    - (3) Radio frequency ID (RFID) ear tag or implant.
    - (4) Official CSIP or ADQ identification.
  - ii. Birth date (ddmmyyyy)
  - iii. Sex (ram, ewe, wether)
  - iv. Breed
  - v. Registration information for purebred registered animals.
  
- f. **The identification *must* be unique within the flock.** This means:
  - i. Each animal currently residing in the flock is uniquely identified.
  - ii. No ID can be reused within the flock for a period of 15 years after initial date of enrollment.
  
- g. **The identification *must* be clearly legible to the reader.** This means:
  - i. If tattoos are used but cannot be clearly read by the veterinarian, then the animal *must* also have a unique double ear tag.
  - ii. If the tag is not clearly legible, then the animal *must* be retagged at the time of sampling with a double tag.
  
- h. **Each sheep and lamb in the flock must be identified and recorded on the day of the initial enrollment.** Subsequent tests must account for all sheep in the flock, specifically:
  - i. Natural additions and removals (births and deaths).
  - ii. Sales.
  - iii. Purchases.
    - (1) All purchases must be accompanied by an MV Transfer Form.
    - (2) Unless transferred from an "A" status flock all purchases *must* be placed into an isolation facility and cannot enter the flock without two negative MV tests 8 to 12 weeks apart while in isolation.
  - iv. Failure to account for all additions may result in loss of status.

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<sup>3</sup> Disinfection of equipment can be done with sodium hypochlorite (6% bleach) by mixing 1 part bleach to 2 parts water for a final solution of 2% sodium hypochlorite OR sodium hydroxide by mixing 80 grams of sodium hydroxide crystals with 1 litre of water to make a 2 molar solution. These agents are effective against most viruses, bacteria and the scrapie agent. Both can be used for disinfection of surgical equipment, docking and tattoo equipment, multi-dose syringes and work surfaces. Minimum contact time should be 10 seconds with the product being rinsed